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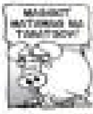
News / A2 — PPI plan holders ask Makati RTC judge to inhibit self from case

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Gov: Link to jueteng bad but calling me fatso too much



By Marlon Ramos

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Villar still richest in House; 2 Arroyos on millionaires list

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'Worst scandal' to hit GMA

Ping cites reason jueteng operators spilling the beans

By Julie Lolay Javellana



Mike A, Mikey strongly deny involvement in illegal gambling

THE FIRST FAMILY was up and about early yesterday to deal with allegations by three persons that they had given or collected "jueteng" protection money for President Macapagal-Arroyo's husband, Jose Miguel "Mike" Arroyo, and their older son, Pampanga Rep. Juan Miguel "Mikey" Arroyo.

Church admits taking jueteng money in the past

BIR hits Juday with P6.7-M case



JUDY ANN SANTOS

By Cynthia D. Balana



A study in contrast: Ramos sisters at DOJ

By Armand N. Nocum

Los Baños mayor asked to help Boracay



MAKEOVER.

Meralco to hike rates by 80.5¢

By Abigail L. Ho



LAST RESPECTS FOR RAY.

Bad weather blamed for Punongbayan crash

Deported Fil-Aussie woman won't sue

Judge asked to inhibit self from Pacific case

But why Hotbabes' Del Rosario?

METRO

WILLIE REVILLAME SEXUAL HARASSMENT CASE

Apologies and a bouquet of roses



HOT ITEMS

By DJ Yap

Tighter security at City Hall

Debate on MMDA powers threaten agency's budget

More traffic jams expected leading to MacArthur route

MetroBriefs

HK maids unhappy with $6 minimum wage hike



Back to basics reorientation for Oakwood foot soldiers



Reyes explains why he breaks traffic rules

Philips: At the helm of audio-video technology



Innovations through the years



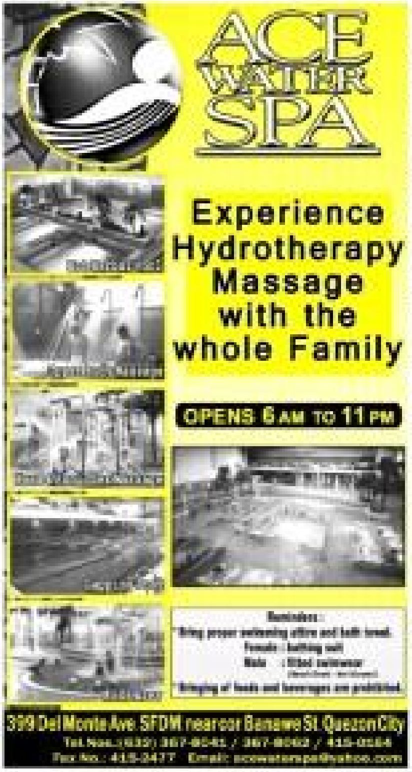
The best in DVD recording



Blu-ray Disc: The next generation

PHILIPS

Defense chief sees end to insurgencies in 6 to 10 years



NAT'L SECURITY MATTER?

Name your sources, DOJ tells PDI

Who owns Boracay?

Los Baños mayor asked to . . .



Pimentel to testify for Erap

By Nelson F. Flores

OPPOSITION Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr. is set to testify for deposed President Joseph Estrada to bolster claims by the former leader's camp that the multimillion-peso plunder charges were politically motivated, defense lawyer Jose Flaminiano said yesterday.

Flaminiano said Pimentel's testimony would compliment a declaration by former Chief Justice Andres Narvasa the other day before the Sandiganbayan's Special Division that President Macapagal-Arroyo had tried but failed to convince Estrada to go into voluntary exile abroad.

Ms Arroyo's offer, Narvasa said, was made through former Justice Secretary Hernani Perez after Estrada was ousted from power in 2001 in exchange for criminal immunity.

Narvasa added that Ms Arroyo had also asked Estrada to submit his resignation letter and a medical certificate attesting his need for medical treatment.

Flaminiano said that Ms Arroyo's attempt to strike a deal with Estrada only indicated that the former leader was not guilty.

"Estrada could have just left to avoid humiliation of being hauled in court but he did not," Flaminiano said.

Flaminiano also assailed Special Prosecutor Dennis Villa-Ignacio for saying that the defense panel was running out of witnesses. "He (Villa-Ignacio) should stop demeaning the defense panel by making it appear that we no longer have any witnesses to present."

Villa-Ignacio said in an earlier interview that Narvasa's testimony was irrelevant to the plunder and perjury charges filed against Estrada.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Friday, May 20, 2005
7th Week in Ordinary Time
1st Reading: Sir 6:5-17
Gospel: Mark 10:1-12

Jesus left Capernaum and went to the province of Judea, beyond the Jordan River. Once more crowds gathered around him and once more he taught them, as he always did. Some (Pharisees came and) put him to the test with this question, "Is it right for a husband to divorce his wife?" He replied, "What law did Moses give you?" They answered, "Moses allowed us to write a certificate of dismissal in order to divorce."

Then Jesus said to them, "Moses wrote this law for you, because you are stubborn. But in the beginning of creation God made them male and female, and because of this, man has to leave father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one body. So they are no longer two but one body. Therefore let no one separate what God has joined."

When they were indoors at home, the disciples again asked him about this and he told them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against his wife, and the woman who divorces her husband and marries another also commits adultery."

Commentary

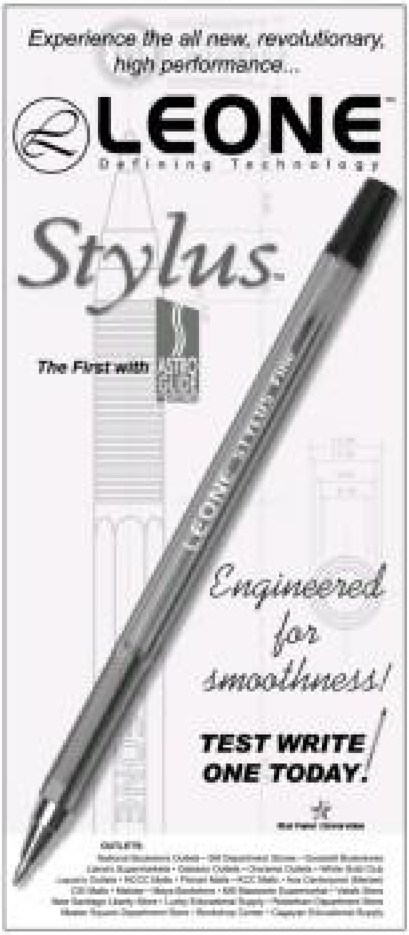
Wherever Jesus goes, the crowds of those in need, searching and wanting follow him, and so do the leaders and teachers looking for a way to trap him. This time, the question is: is it right for a husband to divorce his wife? They know the answer—no divorce according to Moses' law, but divorce is practiced and allowed—but only for the husband to divorce his wife, not the wife to divorce her husband. Jesus is angry and says that they know the law but the law accommodated their weakness and sin because they were stubborn and hard of heart, but that doesn't change the law. Later, when the disciples want to know, Jesus equalizes both husband and wife—whoever divorces the other commits adultery, is unfaithful to the spouse. You cannot use the law on one of the two and not on the other and the law must be honored as defending faithfulness while we must admit that we fail and sin against God and one another. It all begins with the truth. All of our lives need to be looked at with truthfulness.

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The WORLD

Editor: Lawrence R. Bautista

US calls for probe of Uzbek massacre



WASHINGTON—The United States on Wednesday called for a "credible and transparent" investigation into the reported massacre of hundreds of protesters in the central Asian state of Uzbekistan.

[illegible] AFP



UZBEK refugee woman [illegible] May 17. AFP PHOTO

US: Grenade hurled at Bush in Georgia armed

[illegible] AFP

Zarqawi justifies killing of Muslims

[illegible]

More important

[illegible]

Mistakes

[illegible]





Russia tycoon could draw lighter sentences

Deadly Angola fever kills over 300

France, Germany, Poland scramble to save EU charter





THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT COSMETIC SURGERY

What is Cosmetic Surgery?

Things to CONSIDER before undergoing a surgery

"Aba, ABS Herbs na Ako!"







Sumatra quake shook Earth's surface everywhere, experts say





Kylie's cancer has not spread, says manager

Abuse drove Indonesia maids to kill Singapore employer, say lawyers

SINGAPORE — Lawyers for two young Indonesian maids who confessed to killing a Singaporean employer asked Thursday to save their clients from possible execution, claiming mental anguish from abuse pushed them to kill.

Juminem, 20, and 17-year-old Siti Aminah are accused of murdering Esther Ang Poon Hoon, [illegible] employer, in [illegible] last year by suffocating her with a pillow and bludgeoning her with a wine bottle.

"Reactive depression, brought about by a number of degrading physical and emotional abuse," Juminem's lawyer, Jimmy Yim, said in closing arguments.

Yim is asking the court to reduce the charge of murder, which carries a mandatory death sentence, to the charge of culpable homicide. If they are charged with culpable homicide, they face up to 10 years in jail.

Juminem endured constant verbal and physical abuse from Ang, who slapped her, hit her with a [illegible], and [illegible] if she made mistakes in her work, her lawyer said.

"Given that she suffered so badly under the hands of her employer, she shouldn't be given the full punishment," Yim said. "Hers was a classic situation; she was in a prisoner mode."

Siti Aminah's lawyers said Ang also abused her.

Juminem's diaries, which detailed her employer's alleged abuse, formed a major part of the evidence submitted by her lawyers.

The two maids [illegible] AP

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OPINION

Sullied and surly

EDITORIAL



Please save fire trees on MacArthur Highway

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz



Coups and karmic justice

PASSION FOR REASON

Raul C. Pangalangan



Killings can destabilize government

ANALYSIS



Amando Doronila

It's not just about Bro. Eli

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Rina Jimenez-David

'Ngek!'

LOOKING BACK



Ambeth R. Ocampo

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Six-day work week

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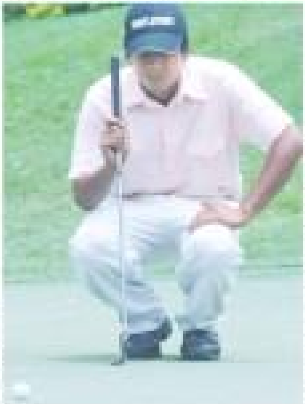
On abolishing the MMDA

VOICES ON INQ7.NET

AFP way off the mark



Aussie up with 66; Que, Juvic two down



FILIPINO amateur ace Juvic Pagunsan studies his putt on No. 4 during the first day of the Philippine Open.



Gordon to spearhead Fiba-Asia hosting bid



Across the NATION

Use of fake quarry receipts confirmed

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—The National Printing Office, the agency that prints official forms for government transactions, on Wednesday confirmed the use of fake receipts in the collection of sand taxes in Porac, Pampanga.

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DPWH promises to help drive vs marijuana

[illegible]

Execs to demolish Pangasinan fish pens

[illegible]

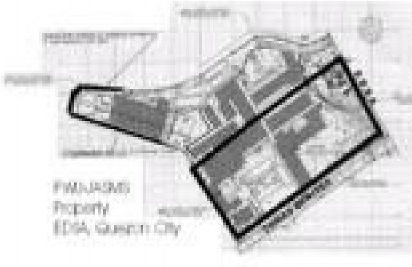
Suit planned vs Palawan gov over Malampaya shares

NOTICE

To: ALL FACULTY, PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Our client, Jardine Land, Inc., has foreclosed on and acquired ownership over the property on which the school indicated on the map below is located. Please take notice that our client will take immediate possession of the property and will not permit the continued operation of the school on the premises.

BERNAS LAW OFFICES
By: JOSE A. BERNAS



Students among NPA rebs hunted by Army



APPEARANCE

South Cotabato gov orders arrest of sluice miners

Libel case filed over bombing story

BIR hits Juday with P6.7-M tax evasion case

False income tax returns

Nothing personal

Blame on financial advisers

Other cases

A study ...

What neighbors say

Villar still richest ...

Poorest

JDV, too

Why the silence on jueteng in Cavite, Remulla asks Lacson

'Worst scandal' to hit GMA, says Mikey of jueteng allegations

Church admits taking jueteng money in the past

Ping cites reason jueteng operators spilling …

'Certain people never learn'

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BUSINESS

Gov't posts P3.3-B budget surplus

By Michelle V. Remo

WHAT'S INSIDE

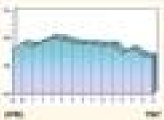


■ Down with domestic violence, says The Body Shop /B4

■ SMC sees hefty growth in '03 sales /B2

■ EPCIB spotlight still on 'treasury' shares /B3

CURRENCIES



STOCK MARKET



Shares close 0.7% higher

SMC expects 71% growth in sales this year to ₱300B

SSS property dev't project OKd

DFP profit up 11% to ₱560M



Disclosures

The 10-percent solution

COCKTALES

Victor C. Agustin

[illegible]

The Gokongwei factor

[illegible]

Money-go-round

[illegible]

Heard through the grapevine

[illegible]

Expected cut in production seen to put an end to RP's sugar exports

[illegible]



THE BODY SHOP CRY

Down with domestic violence

[illegible]

CORPORATE CITIZEN



CUSTOMERS trooped to The Body Shop branch in Greenbelt 4 last month to sign up for the "Stop Violence in the Home" campaign.

Core issues

[illegible]

Children's Room

[illegible]

Battling domestic violence

[illegible]

Bigger purpose

[illegible]



AEV eyes Mirant, Kepco for coal plant

By Clarissa S. Batino

ABOITIZ Equity Ventures is considering taking in Mirant Philippines Corp. and Korean Electric Power Co. as strategic partners in a 200-megawatt coal-fired electric plant in Cebu.

AEV president and chief executive officer Jon Ramon Aboitiz said in a recent briefing that the company would invest between $300 and $500 million in the next three years to put up three new power plants in Cebu and Davao.

"We have told Mirant and Kepco about the coal plant. We will bid out the 200-MW coal project," said the company president.

The coal plant is expected to be on stream before 2008.

He said the company wanted to build new power plants in anticipation of a projected power shortage in the Visayas and Mindanao starting 2008.

In Davao, he said Aboitiz would build two new hydroelectric plants with a combined capacity of 76 MW.

Aboitiz said the group would likely build its own hydro plants in Davao given the company's expertise in mini hydroelectric projects.

He said the company would sell part of its 890 million treasury shares to help finance the power plants.

Power accounts for 56 percent of the revenue of the listed company, followed by banking with 28 percent.

AEV grew its profits by 42 percent in the first quarter to P626 million.

Takenaka Naia 3 deal under threat

Swiss metals firm invests additional ₱2.86B in Pasar

Gov't ...

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LifeStyle



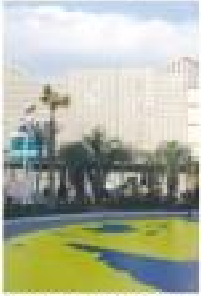
A unique idea and design make the Philippine pavilion a hit in the World Expo in Aichi

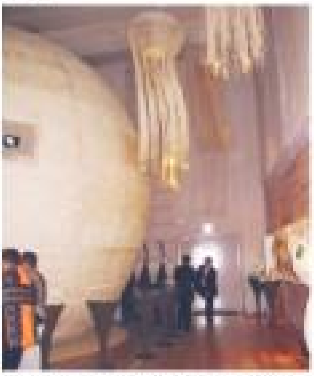
Giving the world a massage

LIFE-STYLED

Thelma Sioson San Juan







Giving the world a massage



Master stroke

Good concept



LIFESTYLE



POND'S Women Kelly Misa, Georgina Wilson and Nicole Hernandez



[illegible] excites the crowd with his fabulous bod and amazing moves.

Pond's launches the Face Revolution with a hot, hot party in Boracay

Tall and tan and young and lovely

By [illegible]

FOR YEARS and years, it seems like I have attended most of the Pond's events in various incarnations, first as a talent, then as a spectator, and now as a media person.

Finally and for the first time in all these years, I got to attend a Pond's event that did not require me to get all dolled up, no fancy shoes, no little black dress.

In spite of the [illegible] May 6, in Boracay where Pond's launched the Face Revolution and presented the [illegible], the atmosphere was quite laid back.

Guests hung out, walking about in their [illegible], the ladies in their sarongs and tube [illegible]

Tall and tan and young



Come prepared



THE POND'S Face Revolution booth



MODELS show that the best complement to a wonderful body and outfit is a beautifully clean face.

Tall and tan and young

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physique, his devil-may-care stunts on stage as he strutted and danced around totally wowed the crowd.

This whole extravaganza hosted by the beautiful Angel Jacob would not have been as exciting had it not been for the opening act that set the mood for the night, the cheeky and awe-inspiring show called "Sway," hot dancing by Ciara and Ivan accompanied by the Tambuli Jam drummers.

Overall, the Boracay Face Revolution Beach Bash launch was a hit. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the night from the fire dance to the fashion show. Some of us even learned how to do the Pond's deep clean routine. It's another bold move for Pond's.



POND'S brand manager Francis Pareo and host Angel Jacob



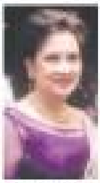
NANCY Castiliogne does her own interpretation of the forehead swipe from the Pond's Deep Clean Routine.



PARTY all night



WOMEN POWER. Former PCGG commissioner Haydee Yorac, Justice Consuelo Ynares Santiago and Justice Alicia Austria-Martinez



HOSTESS with the mostest Lecy Suguia



EL SIMPATICO Oscar Piguiola, Consul Señora Amelia Ablaza, Alejandro Maldonado, Jaime Martinez, Javier Gil de Vega, Marc Ablaza and his talented brother Jon-Jon Ablaza



PHILHEALTH president Francisco Duque III, business magnate and host of the affair Louie Ablaza, Dr. Julio Suguia and Julio Lowenthal



LATIN SHAKERS. The Guatemalan delegation and envoys Jaime Martinez, Alejandro Maldonado, hostess of the affair Amelia "Mellie" Ablaza, Zury Rios-Montt de Weller, Julio Lowenthal and Edgar Arevalo



PARODY Tess, Cojuico, statuesque Latin beauty Carlos Balbuena and elegant Carol Buque

Pinoy-Guatemalan Latin fiesta!



WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache

Photos by Alexis Van Hagrra using Kodak EasyShare

SHE'S one of the country's most active charity workers. She's also one of the most glamorous of Manila's top hostesses with the mostest. She is also the dedicated honorary consul of the Republic of Guatemala, pakinggan. She's none other than Amelia "Mellie" Romero Ablaza.

Living up to her name, Mellie, together with her husband [illegible] [illegible] reception at their sprawling residence for the Guatemala delegation to the [illegible] Parliamentary Union Assembly.

The five-man delegation was headed by Alejandro Maldonado with Zury Rios-Montt de Weller, Julio Lowenthal, Edgar Arevalo, and Jaime Martinez as members.

During cocktails the [illegible] [illegible] the rich, cool décor of the living room, done especially for this occasion by the hostess's son, the gifted Jon-Jon Ablaza, pakinggan.

[illegible]

Over dinner, Mellie asked the invitees to join her in a toast, for the "lasting spirit of friendship and cooperation between the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of Guatemala, and for the health and prosperity of their Excellencies, President Macapagal Arroyo and President Oscar Berger Perdomo."

Then it was time to shake those calories off, with the guests dancing to the Pasadito Quartet dance music. The Pinoys and Latinos shook their booty to the cha-cha, tango and tons of other Latin tunes, pakinggan.

Samsung miracle

Scorsese, Lucas and Spielberg, beware. The age of hi-tech consumer items has definitely arrived and now all can make their wildest movie dreams come true!

Samsung Electronics Phils. Corp. makes dreams come true with the launch of its amazing "Miniket," a mini-sized camcorder, which also functions as a digital still camera, mp3 player, a webcam, a voice recorder and a portable data storage device!

The happening took place at the Ayala Museum, where the hottest names in broadcast, electronics and entertainment came.

The Samsung Miniket wowed audiences at the recently held CeBit trade show in Hannover, Germany.

For its Philippine launch, three top directors premiered their own short movies especially shot just for the evening, using the Miniket, natch.

[illegible] Mark Meily highlighted Miniket's special effects capabilities in a funny and fashioned work focusing on his own face.

[illegible] director of commercials, illustrated just how portable and easy the Miniket is in his work, "The World is a Stage."

[illegible]

We were all amazed by the little product.

The entertainment was provided by the Akafellas and crooner Jay-R [illegible] who knocked our socks off. [illegible] hosted the affair, pakinggan.

Samsung's new president and CEO [illegible] welcomed us with a short talk, then a raffle was held and the big winner was [illegible].

It definitely was an impressive launch, perfect for the impressive new "it" gadget of the season, the awesome 4-in-1 Samsung Miniket Check it out!

New hospital partnership

Asian Hospital will once again set a new standard in the healthcare industry through its partnership with Bangkok-based healthcare expert, Bumrungrad International.

The partnership was announced during a cocktail event dubbed as "Power of Two: Partnership for World-class Hospital Care."

The spotlight was focused on the owners of Asian Hospital led by founding chair Dr. Jorge Garcia, and chair [illegible], with Bumrungrad's chair, Chai Sophonpanich, and group CEO Curtis Schroeder.

Among the distinguished guests were former President Fidel V. Ramos, former Finance Secretary Jose Pardo and [illegible] Alabang chair Andrew Gotianun Sr.

Also gracing the event were Celia Diaz Laurel, Francisco Duque III of PhilHealth, Aguilles Lopez and good-looking twin doctors, [illegible].

Asian Hospital and Bumrungrad International hope to attract patients from Asia. "Our local and international patients experience the full technology benefits and first-class amenities of the Asian Hospital," Garcia said.

Schroeder agreed. "We hope to attract patients not just from the Philippines, but from the rest of the region, as we provide not just basic healthcare but also specialized care and facilities."

Modern Maturity

"What is a bad girl? It means you drink champagne and stay up all night making love. You don't steal money or ideas. You gossip, say naughty things behind people's back. But as long as people never hear what you're saying..."

So opines Helen Gurley Brown in the new issue of Modern Maturity.

In an interview, Brown tells A&E writer, Nancy Lloyd, "Age gets all of us—but I intend to fight back (and) fighting back means you don't let age see who you are."

Now 'Cosmo's' top mentor's tips [illegible]:

"The HGB rule[?] always for the Cosmo girl—fighting back also means 90 minutes a day with her barbells, no smoking, no drinking, eight hours of sleep and a lot of reading. Oh, and, lots of course, [illegible]."



PRETTY, PRETTY Tessa L. Ablaza with "Dean of Fashion Designers" Ben Farrales



GROUP CEO Curtis Schroeder



MONEY publisher Augusto "Jambo" [illegible] and founding chair Dr. Jorge Garcia



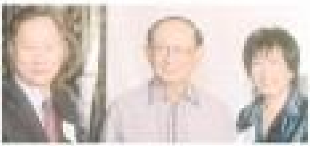
MANUEL Collantes and Charles Hema



DR. ANTONIO Comia and PR man [illegible]



HOTSHOTS. Samsung president and CEO Myeok-[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] de Leon



BUMRUNGRAD'S chair Chai Sophonpanich, former President Fidel V. Ramos and spouse Evelyn Lim Forbes



DR. MICHAEL Sales-Diaz, Dr. Aina Sales-Diaz, Dr. Josephine Tesa and Dr. Crispulo Ulloma Poulo III



DR. ENRIQUE Campos, top lawyer Estelito Mendoza and Dr. Susan Campos



VISIONS and Expressions' young achiever Gingy Jones de la Merced and Pot Roque



METRO Society mag's Philip Cu-Unjieng, Aya Ongpin (right) and JP Lee, Sea Chardonnier



PARTY time with the Samsung gang: Lise Sardo, top photog Raymond Isaac, Manin Abreu and Carlo del Mar